

## URGENT NEED IS FELT FOR BROWNLEE BRIDGE

County Council Should Not Delay Action In Matter—Hope That Improvement Might Include Also Cement Bridge On Michigan Street.

The County Council was called to meet on Tuesday, June 6. The chief reason for their coming together was to take action on the matter of a new bridge to replace the old worn-out Brownlee bridge over Yellow river, just south of the Pennsylvania railway, in Plymouth. This Brownlee bridge was built a long time ago, over forty years ago according to the recollection of W. W. Hill, and has been one of the important crossings of the community all this time. About fourteen years ago it was repaired by the city. For the past nearly four years it has been out of commission—unsafe for the use of vehicles and they have forbidden to cross it. The structure has been used only as a foot bridge.

The public generally does not understand the need for this bridge. All that section to the southeast, south and southwest of the city whose people come into Plymouth by the Michigan road, want this bridge. Whenever they have grain to take to the elevator or wish to haul grain or other stuff from the elevator, they must now come under the Michigan street viaduct, up through the business part of town and then back under the Center street viaduct. It is the same disagreeable thing whenever stock is brought to the stock yards. It must be driven through the business streets, which both the stock and the people will agree is not agreeable to either. This bridge is also used by all the children south of the railway who go to the Webster school, and is needed by every delivery wagon in the city. Four years is certainly long enough to be without a bridge of the importance of this one, and it is believed the County Council will not hesitate to make the appropriation for its rebuilding.

### THE LEGAL QUESTION.

There is a legal question connected with this proposition which has been puzzling the minds of some. It is whether the city or the county should build the bridge. City Attorney Judge Hess has fully investigated this matter, and since his opinion on the rights and duties of cities is as good as can be had anywhere, it ought to put at rest any thought that the city should build this bridge. The Judge says the law is that the county may build a bridge of this kind and that after it is built the city must keep it in repair. The Brownlee bridge, being beyond repair, it is only a question of building a new one. Of course the county does not have to build it, any more than they have to build any other bridge anywhere in the county. That is merely a question of whether bridges are needed.

### A CEMENT BRIDGE.

It is hoped by a large number of people in Plymouth that the County Council will see its way clear to make not only the Brownlee bridge, but to make a more lasting and extensive improvement in the city. It is hoped that they will take away the old Michigan street bridge and replace it with a cement one the full width of Michigan street. This kind of a bridge would last for all time and leave the continual cost of repair in the way of new plank and paint. It would also avoid the dangerous congestion at this

bridge on days when a large number of people are in the city. The present Michigan street bridge could be moved down stream to make a good structure for a Brownlee bridge site.

Whether this is the best business proposition or not the Council can soon figure out, but it is one that is freely talked of and approved in Plymouth, and a plan which would meet the hearty approval of a very large number of our citizens.

## WOODMEN KEEP MEMORIAL DAY

MEMBERS OF PLYMOUTH CAMP HEAR SERMON AT U. B. CHURCH BY REV. YAGER AND MARCH TO CEMETERY

Plymouth camp of the Modern Woodmen of America kept the annual Woodmen Memorial day Sunday. In the afternoon they met at the United Brethren church and listened to an excellent sermon by Rev. Mr. Yager. The pastor's subject was "Greatness" and out of this he told the story of what Jesus Christ taught to be the real greatness of this life—the giving of ourselves to the service of others. This kind of life was exemplified in the order of Woodmen, he said, because of the many neighborly things the lodge was doing. The U. B. choir very kindly sang for the meeting and the lodge extends thanks to them.

After the sermon, between thirty and forty Woodmen were in the march to the cemetery, where the ritualistic service of the order was given by Neighbor Gove. Each member carried a bouquet of flowers and besides these there were several large bouquets which were put upon the graves of the two neighbors who lie in Oak Hill. Neighbor Nick Fleck brought a very large bunch of fine roses, and these were much appreciated by all the order.

After the march back from the cemetery the members had some refreshments at Massena's restaurant and at Hill's cafe.

### An Even Brake.

The Plymouth Clippers romped away from the Bremen aggregation to ball players Sunday afternoon at the fair grounds to the tune of 4 to 1. The ground was in good condition in spite of the heavy rain early in the morning and the weather was ideal for baseball. To these conditions was added a snappy game which made things interesting throughout the nine innings. The Clippers were winning their contest, the Ball and Co's. team were being treated to defeat at Lakeville by the score of 15 to 5.

### Attends Reception To Bishop.

Rev. F. O. Fraley went to Chicago today where tonight he will attend a great reception to Bishop Wm. F. McDowell and wife in the gymnasium of Northwestern University. Bishop McDowell has just returned from a missionary trip around the world.

### Surprise Teacher.

A number of the pupils from Miss Edna Wilcox's room met at her home yesterday afternoon and gave her a surprise. They presented her a beautiful hand-painted plate. Miss Wilcox in turn gave the children a treat.

## SOME MORE DIVORCES.

Business of Circuit Court During Last Few Days—Case of Chas. Miles Dismissed.

The case of Chas. Miles, filed some time ago, and over which there was at the time quite a furor, has been dismissed without any action in the matter by the court. Mr. and Mrs. Miles are living together again and this was thought to be the best settlement of the family trouble.

Elnora Jordan was granted a divorce from Milton M. Jordan. Julia Stuck was granted a divorce from Chas. F. Stuck. They have two children aged five and eight. Mrs. Stuck was granted custody of one child and Mr. Stuck the other. The court will not permit her to marry within two years from date of divorce.

Justice C. P. Holloway was admitted to the bar. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Murphy have adopted Ruth Carter, an orphan child.

Albert W. Boss was appointed guardian of Frederick J. Boss, who is now at Longcliff. Mr. Boss has an estate of about \$1,000 to be cared for.

## POST OFFICE SALARY SOON \$2400 YEARLY

POSTMASTER STEINER GETS NOTICE OF GOOD INCREASE IN WAGES FOR PLYMOUTH BUSINESS.

## TO BEGIN JULY 1ST

Office Now Pays \$205 a Month, the Receipts On Specials Amounting To About \$60 a Year.

Postmaster Monroe Steiner has received a nice little notice from the Post office Department at Washington that the salary of the Plymouth office has been increased from \$2300 a year to \$2400 a year. The new salary begins July 1, which is the first day of the Government's new year.

Whether any increase is to be also applied to the deputy postmaster is as yet uncertain, but if such a thing should happen, the deputy has his "hand out" ready to grab it.

Uncle Sam is a pretty good boss. He always pays according to the business done, and as the business of the Plymouth office has increased, he also increases the pay. He appreciates so good a postmaster and force of clerks as those in Plymouth and when he sat down to write a letter to Mr. Steiner he grinned a big grin as he urged the aforesaid gentleman to please accept a little more money for the work he was doing.

Mr. Steiner seems inclined to give all the credit for the good work of the office to the boys who handle the mail. He says they have done the work and should receive the praise.

The office will now pay \$205 a month, there being about \$60 a year for extras such as special delivery letters, etc.

### D.A.E. June Meeting.

The June meeting of the D.A.E. society was held with Mrs. H.A. Logan and Miss Nettie Corse of South Bend Friday night. Eighteen members were in attendance and an enjoyable time was had. After a lovely dinner at the Plymouth Inn, a short program was given. The historical review on "The events of the war during 1776" which was to have been prepared by Mrs. Willey, was omitted owing to her absence. The July meeting will be held with Miss Olive Thompson who will soon return home from Chicago for the summer.

## PLYMOUTH BOY HONORED BY GREAT STATE

PROF. A. N. HUME, WELL KNOWN HERE CALLED TO SOUTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

## HAS FINE TRAINING

Goes From Illinois School With Which He Has Been Associated For Many Years.

Many people of this county and city will be interested in the following from the Prairie Farmer:

Among the last instructors to leave the University of Illinois to go to other fields is Prof. Albert Nash Hume, who for several years has been identified with the College of Agriculture at Urbana. Professor Hume had made many friends throughout Illinois and adjoining states who will regret his leaving.

Professor Hume is a native of Indiana, his birthplace being Plymouth. His boyhood and earlier years were spent about that place, his main agricultural experience being gained on a small farm which was purchased by his grandfather from the government. Acting upon his determination for an education he selected a course in agriculture at Purdue University in 1896, completing same four years later.

His first experience after leaving there was as dairyman at the school for the feeble minded at Fort Wayne, Ind. After a short time he was called to the North Louisiana Experiment Station, Calhoun, La., as dairyman and stockman where he obtained a first hand acquaintance with southern conditions. He returned to Purdue University in 1901 to complete a year of post graduate work. The following year he received his degree of Master of Science from Purdue, and then accepted a position as instructor in agriculture at the Winona Agricultural Institute. After one year's service there he was called to the University of Illinois as an instructor in crop production at the College of Agriculture and assistant in crop production in the Experiment Station. For practically five years he has retained this position, except that after three years he was advanced to the position of associate.

In the fall of 1908 the University granted him a leave of absence to pursue studies at the German Universities along the crop production line. After spending two years at Leipzig and at the University of Gottingen, he completed his thesis required for graduation, and in December, 1910, was granted a doctor's degree. Returning to Illinois last fall he took up his former duties and has recently accepted a position as head of the Department of Agronomy in the South Dakota State College in the South Dakota Experiment Station. He will assume his new duties about July 1st.

Evidently Professor Hume regrets leaving Illinois as much as his associates regret to see him go, but likewise they see a larger field for his work under the newer conditions he has selected. In leaving Professor Hume says:

"It is not for me to say that I am glad to go away from Illinois. The leaving of friendships and of associations such as I have enjoyed here must always be a rather painful process. The opportunity for growth and development in the new state of South Dakota is, however, large. I go there with the same abiding faith in agriculture that I have always had and the same belief in the destiny of the people who dwell on land. In all states it is our duty to look after the interests of agriculture as a business and, moreover, to safeguard in every possible way the highest interests of a rural citizenship."

### Two New Grandpas.

Grandpa Thayer and Grandpa Loring are the two newest grandpas in the city.

## RELIEVED OF DIAMOND.

Jewel Valued at \$175 is Stolen From William Everly When Visitor at Motor Races in Indianapolis.

The Indianapolis News has the following to say about a theft which was perpetrated on one of our citizens at the automobile races at Indianapolis on Tuesday.

"William Everly, of Plymouth, reported to the detective department, last night, that he was robbed of a diamond shirtstud, valued at \$175, at the speedway, yesterday afternoon. According to Mr. Everly, he stood up in his seat and ordered two bottles of pop, and while reaching over to pay for the pop somebody loosened the diamond pin and escaped. The Everly's shirt front.

### Leave for Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gerrard and son left Thursday for Colorado where they will be for some time. They went by the way of Kansas City, Leadville, Denver and other points to Gypsum, which will be their home for some months at least. Mr. Gerrard has not been in the best of health and he thought the climate of that state would help him.

## REV. FRALEY PLEADS FOR LARGER LIFE

TELLS SENIORS HOW MEN OF THE PAST WITH VISION AND INSPIRATION HAVE DONE THE GREAT THINGS.

## HEAR BACCALAUREATE

Large Crowd Assembled In Spite of Hot Weather To Honor High School Class and Speaker.

The Methodist church was filled Sunday night to the doors by the large crowd of interested people who came to hear the baccalaureate sermon of Rev. Mr. Fraley. The platform and pulpit had been decorated profusely with flowers and green and presented a pretty appearance. The anthem by the choir was pleasing, and especially so was the quartet sang by the Misses Boss, Mr. Hubert Tanner and Mr. Eldridge Thompson. This was "Praise Ye the Lord," taken from the Elijah Chorus.

In his sermon Rev. Mr. Fraley pleaded for the larger and more noble life. He took his text from Psalms 18:19 "He brought also into a large place," and following out this theme made an interesting and instructive sermon. By the lives of Miltiades, Demosthenes, Moses, the Old Testament Prophets, Peter, Columbus, Livinghouse, Booth and others he showed how a strong purpose in a life impelled by strong and righteous motives have done the great things of the world. But he did not leave the usual impression that one must do some wonderful thing which a great world knows in order to be truly great. Greatness is quite as often found in doing many of the little things of life, doing them well and with the right spirit. The prince of Germany, he said, wears on his shield the words, "Ich Diem," "I Serve" which principle filling his life make him really prepared to rule when he is called to the throne. So it will make any of us prepared to live the truly great life.

There is not much use for the young man of bad habits today, said the preacher. Every corporation or business establishment of note will shut the door in the face of the young man who drinks or who has allowed himself to be drawn downward by the lower vices.

### Marriage Licenses.

Floyd Hindman, 26, Bremen, to Mollie Brockman, 21, North township.

## PETITIONS FOR NEW MACADAMIZED ROADS

General Movement for Better Highways Reaching Out In Every Direction From Plymouth—Four Petitions Now Being Signed By Many Interested.

### Bosworth on Board.

Frank W. Bosworth has been appointed by Judge Bernetha as a member of the Library Board, to take the place of L. J. Hess, who resigned.

### Culver Church Damaged.

The Evangelical church at Culver was struck by lightning Saturday morning at six o'clock. About \$50 damage was done by fire and water.

## TRUSTIES FAIL TO COME AND VOTE

DEMOCRATS TAKE CHANCES AT LAW VIOLATION WHEN THEY SEE THEY ARE DEFEATED AND REFUSE TO ATTEMPT.

Taking the advice of Democratic attorneys, four of the democratic township trustees today deliberately chose to violate the law, and refused to attend the meeting of trustees for the purpose of electing a county superintendent as the provides they shall do.

The five republican trustees were there all day, ready to act as soon as a quorum was present. Trustee Jonathan Wolfe was too sick to be present, so this left the republicans in the majority, but without a quorum to do business. Had the trustees met as they should, there is no doubt that Mr. Steinebach would have been reelected. The only way this could be defeated was the way chosen by the democratic trustees.

The recent law, made by a democratic legislature expressly to fit the Marshall county situation, has resulted in no benefit after all. Just what the outcome will be

### Health Notice.

What does the fly ordinance mean? It does not single out the fly as the only thing against which the warfare is instituted, although he is guilty of every thing with which he is charged.

To get rid of the fly to the extent that is positively within our reach, we are getting rid of 75 per cent of the sickness that would otherwise befall us this summer. The fly is begotten by our will and consent. He is born, bred, lives, moves and has his being in filth, which we have without stint, placed within his reach and invited him to come in.

He is on very familiar terms with us, his progenitors. He enters our homes unbidden, laden with disease germs taken from his filth heaps, takes the first place at our tables, crawls over our butter and plunges bodily into our milk. Why should he not, when we have so generously provided him a comfortable home in our back yards and alleys.

The design of the ordinance is not so much a tirade against the fly as it is against those disease-producing conditions that generate and sustain the fly.

### Health Department.

### Anti-Saloon Speakers Here Sunday.

Two Anti-Saloon League speakers will talk in Plymouth next Sunday. They are Mr. R. C. Minton, state attorney for the League, and Mr. Richard Spetnagle of South Bend, district superintendent of the League. In the morning they will occupy the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, and at night the U. B. and Christian churches.

The biggest piece of road improvement news which has come to Marshall county is that just now four different petitions are being circulated for the macadamizing of four different highways leading out from Plymouth in every direction.

The first petition is for a road beginning at the end of the brick pavement at the viaduct on South street and running thence west on South street, out the Pretty Lake road to the Howe corner, thence south to the Liggett school house. This will make about three miles of road, and the petition calls for its order and construction by the county commissioners under the three mile act, without any vote or other delay in the matter. It is to be 25 feet wide in the city and 12 feet wide in the country.

All the other petitions are also under the three mile act recently passed by the legislature. One of them calls for a macadamized road leading east from the Reeve bridge about three miles over a notorious bad highway. Another is north on the Michigan road, and the fourth is for a road south three miles on the Michigan road.

These petitions are being rapidly signed by those interested, both in the country and the city. There must be fifty or more petitioners on each paper, and these have already been secured on one of them. These petitions will not be presented to the board of commissioners until their next term.

### END OF CIRCUIT COURT.

April Term Closes Saturday—Only Small Amount of Business Done Last Few Days.

The April term of the Marshall circuit court closed Saturday. Not much business of importance was done the last few days.

The defendants in the Wm. H. Myers ditch petition have asked for an appeal to the Supreme court.

The Marshall County Trust & Savings Co. filed their report as receiver in the Wickizer-McClure Co. of Argos. Permission was given the receiver to buy a linotype machine or to purchase more type as they thought best.

Geo. Reitingger has filed a motion for a new trial in his suit against John Suseland, administrator of the Joseph Reitingger estate.

Rettie Parish dismissed her case against Eben Parish for divorce.

Margaret Wilbur was given a divorce from Henry A. Wilbur.

Frank C. Armantrout had his title quieted to lands against Chas. Shemmaker and others.

### Sunday Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Miles entertained Sunday at their country home a mile and a half south of town, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buck and sons, Mr. and Mrs. C. Firestone, Oliver Soice, Mr. and Mrs. John Losey. The afternoon was spent in roaming through the beautiful woods and natural fern beds. All report a fine time and a most excellent dinner. If there is one place more than another that people like to go it is to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Miles.

### Letter Box Moved.

A letter collection box which formerly stood on the corner of Walnut and Washington streets has been moved one block west so that it is now to be found on the corner of Plumb and Washington streets, just southeast of the School House. Postmaster Steiner believes that it will serve the people better here.